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SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2002

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#02-37 <u>Lawley on Habeas Corpus</u>, S089463. Original proceeding. In this case, which is related to the automatic appeal in <u>People v. Lawley</u> (2002) 27 Cal.4th 102, the court issued an order to show cause limited to claims that the petitioner is actually innocent and that the prosecution failed to disclose material exculpatory evidence.

#02-38 Walia v. Aetna, Inc., S103311. (A091221; 93 Cal.App.4th 1213.)

Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment in a civil action. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in Advanced Bionics Corporation v.

Medtronic, Inc., S097308 (#01-62), which includes the issue of whether and in what circumstances a California court, in an action in which the plaintiff seeks a declaration that a covenant not to compete is invalid, may enjoin the defendant from pursuing a subsequently-filed action that the defendant instituted in another state.

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